CSULB College of Liberal Arts Advising Center

2026 - 2027 Bachelor of Arts in Geography
39 - 40 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:
• Minimum 2.0 overall GPA • Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4) • First-Time, First Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

	Courses	Prerequisites
Complete **ONE** of the following courses (3 units total):		
	GEOG 100: World Regional Geography (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
	GEOG 120: Race, Place, and Culture (3)	
	GEOG/PSY 175: My Neighborhood, Our City (3)	Corequisite: One GE Foundation
Complete **ONE** of the following courses (3 - 4 units total):		
	GEOG 130: Geography of Weather and Climate (4)	
	GEOG 140: Introduction to Physical Geography (3)	
Complete **ALL** of the following courses (6 units total):		
	GEOG 200: Introduction to Research Methods for Geographers (3)	
	GEOG 280: Introduction to Geospatial Techniques (3)	

Complete **ALL** of the following courses with grades of "C" or better (9 units total):		
	GEOG 340: Environmental Geography (3)	Corequisite: GEOG/ES P 101 or GEOG 130 or 135 or 140 or ES P 200; or Consent of Instructor
	GEOG 360: Human Geography (3)	GEOG 100 or 120 or GEOG/PSY 175
	GEOG 380: Introduction to Digital Cartography and Analysis (3)	
Regional Geography Courses - Complete **ONE** of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total): - Selected course cannot double count in the Geography Global and Regional Studies Concentration Area		
	GEOG 304: California (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 306: United States and Canada (3)	GE Foundations
	GEOG 309: The Middle East and North Africa (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 313: Southeast Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 314: South Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 315: East Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 316: Europe (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 318: Russia and Its Neighbors (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 321: Geography of Latin America (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
Geography Concentration Courses - Complete **THREE** courses from **ONE** of the following concentrations with grades of "C" or better (9+ units total): - GEOG 392, 492, 494, or 497 may be included in the concentrations below with approval of the GEOG advisor		
Concentration 1: Human Geography		
	GEOG 301: The Urban Scene (3)	GE Foundations
	GEOG/GLST 319: International Development (3)	GE Foundations
	GEOG 352: Geography of Travel and Tourism (3)	
	GEOG 357: Sacred Geographies (3)	GE Foundations
	GEOG 371: Geospatial Science for Health (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 402: Qualitative Research Methods (4)	
	GEOG 446: Land Use Planning (3)	
	GEOG 452: Geography of Globalization (3)	

	Courses	Prerequisites
	GEOG 460: Population Geography (3)	
	GEOG/WGSS 462: Gender, Place, and Culture (3)	
	GEOG 464: Urban Geography: Sustainable Cities (3)	
	GEOG 465: Social Geography (3)	
	GEOG 467: Urban Geography: Metropolitan Problems & Solutions (3)	
	GEOG 468: World Cities/Cities of the World (3)	
	GEOG 469: Cities and Social Justice (3)	
	GEOG 470: Political Geography (3)	
	GEOG 471: Geographic Information Science (GISci) for Justice (3)	Upper Division Standing
Concentration 2: Environmental/Physical Geography		
	GEOG/ES P 330: California Ecosystems (3)	GEOG/ES P 101 or GEOG 130 or 135 or 140 or ES P 200; GEOG 200 or BIOL 260; or Consent
	GEOG/ASAM 350: Environmental Justice (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG/GLST 355: International Environmental Issues (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 440: Land and Water Resources (3)	GEOG/ES P 101 or GEOG 130 or 135 or 140 or 340 or ERTH 280 or ES P 200; or Consent of Instructor
	GEOG 441: The Geography of Mars (3)	Corequisite: GEOG 130 or 140 or ERTH 102; or Consent of Instructor
	GEOG 442: Biogeography (3)	Corequisite: GEOG/ES P 330
	GEOG 443: Watersheds: Processes and Management (4)	GEOG/ES P 101 or GEOG 130 or 135 or 140 or ERTH 280 or ES P 200; or Consent of Instructor
	GEOG 444: Climatology (3)	
	GEOG/ERTH 445: Paleoclimatology (4)	GEOG 340 or ERTH 240 or 300; or Consent
	GEOG 447: Landscape Restoration (3)	Corequisite: GEOG/ES P 330
	GEOG 448: Environmental Assessment (3)	
	GEOG/ES P 450: Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice (3)	Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 455: People as Agents of Environmental Change (3)	
	GEOG 458: Hazards and Risk Management (3)	
	GEOG 481: Geographic Information Science for Natural Sciences (4)	GEOG 135 or 140 or BIOL 153 or ERTH 102; Upper Division Standing; or Consent of Instructor
Concentration 3: Geospatial Techniques		
	GEOG 400: Spatial Data Science (4)	GEOG 200 or Stats Equivalent; or Consent
	GEOG 402: Qualitative Research Methods (4)	
	GEOG 473: Remote Sensing for Environment and Society (4)	
	GEOG 475: Geographical Applications in Remote Sensing (4)	
	GEOG 482: Advanced Digital Cartography and GIS (4)	GEOG 200 or Equivalent; GEOG 380; or Consent
	GEOG 484: Enterprise GIS Development (4)	GEOG 280 or 371 or 471 or 481 or 485; or Consent
	GEOG 485: Principles of Geographic Information Science (4)	GEOG 280 or 371 or 481; or Consent of Instructor
	GEOG 486: Field Methods in Landscape Analysis (4)	Upper Division Standing
	GEOG 487A: Environmental GIS (4)	Corequisite: GEOG 481 or 485; or Consent
	GEOG 487B: Urban GIS (4)	Corequisite: GEOG 485; or Consent of Instructor
	GEOG 488: Geographic Information Science (GIS) Programming (4)	Corequisite: GEOG 485; or Consent of Instructor
Concentration 4: Global and Regional Studies - Complete at least **ONE** course from Global Studies and no more than **TWO** from Regional Studies:		
Global Studies		
	GEOG/GLST 319: International Development (3)	GE Foundations
	GEOG 352: Geography of Travel and Tourism (3)	
	GEOG/GLST 355: International Environmental Issues (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
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	GEOG 460: Population Geography (3)	

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	GEOG 470: Political Geography (3)	
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Additional Geography Upper Division Electives - Complete **6 UNITS** of upper division GEOG electives with grades of "C" or better (6 units total):		
	Course:	
	Course:	

Geography 400-Level Courses Verification	
The major requires completion of **9 units** of 400-level GEOG coursework as part of either the Geography Concentration or Geography Upper Division Elective requirements. These units are included in the concentration or elective unit total.	
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In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- **See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.**
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major**.
- Students must have a minimum of 27 upper division units in the Geography major which may reduce the number of Additional Geography Upper Division Elective units needed.

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